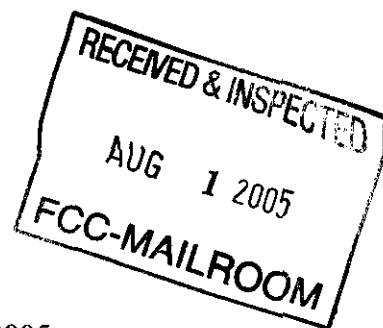


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July 25, 2005

Federal Communications Commission
Common Carrier Bureau
Universal Service Support
445 12th St. S.W.
Washington D.C. 20554

Ref: Safety Net Additive

Dear Sir:

Venture Communications Cooperative (Venture) of Highmore, South Dakota (Study Area Code # 391680) has recently completed the 2005-1 Universal Service Fund Data Collection. With the completion of the 2005-1 Universal Service Fund Data Collection, Venture calculated the percentage increase in Telephone Plant in Service (TPIS) investments per line. Per the FCC Order 01-157 (CC Docket No. 96-45) Safety Net Additive (SNA) guidelines, a qualifying local exchange carrier must experience TPIS per loop growth of at least 14 percent. Venture has experienced a **14.43%** TPIS growth per loop over the last year and on that basis, Venture qualifies for the SNA universal service expense adjustment.

Please view this letter as the official notification of Venture's request for the SNA universal service expense adjustment beginning with the 2006 Universal Service Fund settlement period. If there is any further information that you require regarding Venture's request for the SNA universal service expense adjustment, please give me a call.

If you have any questions on the preceding request, please feel free to contact me at (605) 852-2224.

Sincerely,
Venture Communications Cooperative

Randy W. Houdek
General Manager

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